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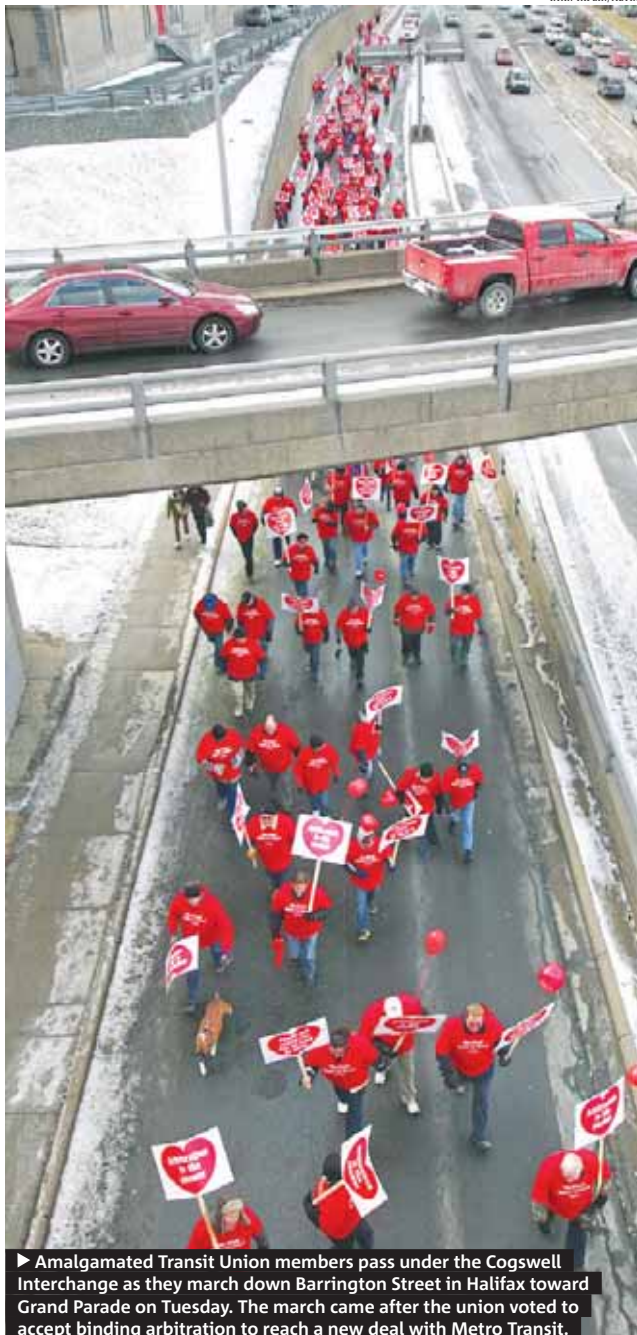
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Council says no to arbitration

► Union votes for idea as way to end two-week-old strike ► 'We have not walked (away) before and we're not walking away now': Kelly

Halifax regional council rejected the transit union's plan for binding arbitration on Tuesday night.

In a closed-door session that lasted nearly four hours, council decided instead to go with a new conciliator offered by the province.

Mayor Peter Kelly said the province approached HRM around noon to offer its lead conciliator, Ken Zwicker. That came a few hours before the union took a vote on arbitration.

"I'm not sure if it was the premier, the minister or somebody (else), but the fact is we've been approached by the province," Kelly told reporters shortly before 11 p.m.

Kelly wouldn't say if the council vote to go with the conciliator was split or unanimous, but he added they want to get back to the table with the union.

"We believe a negotiated settlement is the best approach," Kelly said.

He added council is worried about the financial risk it would be



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► Peter Kelly

putting taxpayers in by going into binding arbitration.

After union members voted for arbitration in Dartmouth, more than 100 members of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508 donned red T-shirts emblazoned with "Arbitration is the Answer" and marched across the MacDonald Bridge to Halifax City Hall.

Union president Ken Wilson told reporters Tuesday afternoon he was originally opposed to the possibility of arbitration.

"But when both sides can't negotiate, and can't find a (resolution) to something and it's affecting the public, I think the cleanest and fastest thing to do would be binding arbitration," he said.

Wilson couldn't be reached for comment after council's decision came down late Tuesday night.

According to the union, if council had agreed to go the arbitration route, buses could have resumed running within 24 hours under the conditions of the last collective agreement, signed in 2006.

Wilson told reporters Tuesday afternoon he believes the public no longer cares about the issues that led to the transit strike — they're just fed up they can't get to work.

"We've always said we understood what no public transportation would mean to the citizens of HRM. No buses on the road, it's going to affect the local economy," said Wilson.

"Parking tickets are up, sales are down at the malls. We knew this was going to happen. Let's not affect the economy, let's not affect the public. Let's put the buses back on the road, and let's let the adults handle this behind closed doors."

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Reaction



Twitter responses to @metrohalifax following council's decision:

- @Carverb14: Mayor suddenly cares about taxpayers, just like when he pumped money for the concert scandal... #greed #resign
- @davidggritten: That was a good pr move by the union voting for

arbitration knowing the council will not budge.

- @Nericmitch: Kelly is an idiot who I can't wait to vote out of office. #transitstrike
- @beckstreet3: WTF... honestly what is this council doing??? #ridiculous
- @billiejeank: Are you kidding me?? These people seriously need to get their act together! Seems

like moving to HRM wasn't the best choice!

- @Zaedum: Not surprising. The council can't be bothered to tape their meetings, transparency isn't their strong point. Only #winning
- @vanessadleblanc: yah cause the bargaining table has been so successful thus far. Not agreeing to a neutral 3rd party arbitrator speaks volumes

► Amalgamated Transit Union members pass under the Cogswell Interchange as they march down Barrington Street in Halifax toward Grand Parade on Tuesday. The march came after the union voted to accept binding arbitration to reach a new deal with Metro Transit.

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Transit efficiency top priority of new budget

► Document could still be tweaked by next week ► Staff looking for council's direction with budget scheduled to be tabled March 27



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Halifax regional council's first look at the new budget was derailed Tuesday night by a private meeting on the transit strike.

The presentation has been put off until next week.

But a document outlining the presentation by HRM's Chief Administrative Officer Richard Butts, shows council's highest priority in the budget is finding efficiencies in transit.

Council has already committed \$12 million for transit buses but efficiencies need to be found in a renewed collective agreement, more efficient buses, and "attendance support," the report states.

Fares only cover 43 per cent of operational costs, and there could be an impact on ridership once the strike is over.

Assessments are up seven per cent, which equals \$2.4 billion in revenue for HRM. But most single-family homes are capped at 3.9 per cent.

Butts is recommending increasing transit tax rates by 0.7 cents and reducing the general tax rate by 3.4 cents.

According to his presen-



► HRM CAO Richard Butts next to Mayor Peter Kelly in this file photo.

tation document, the average urban tax bill would stay the same in this scenario.

Another focus in the budget is maintaining the "state of good repair." That

\$131M HRM's gross capital budget for 2012-13.

means keeping up what HRM already has and fo-

cus on streets and sidewalks in business districts. "Growth projects" like the oval, library and the stadium, if it progresses, will continue, the report read.

Teen allegedly brings knife to school

A 16-year-old boy was arrested for allegedly carrying a knife in school on Tuesday.

Doug Hadley, Halifax Regional School Board spokesman, said it all started in a classroom at Auburn Drive High School in Cole Harbour during the afternoon.

"He was causing disturbance in class and was asked to report to the office," Hadley said.

Once in the office, the teen, who cannot be identified, got into an argument with one of the administrators, Hadley said.

"And on his way out, he (allegedly) showed that he had a knife in his possession," he said.

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Charges

- The Auburn Drive High School student is facing charges of carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a dangerous weapon and uttering threats.
- He is no longer in police custody and will appear in youth court on March 22.

Cops catch another on heat list

Another person has been arrested on Halifax police's outstanding warrant wanted list.

Police in Montreal arrested David Scanlan in Quebec last Friday, a release from Halifax Regional Police states. Halifax police are flying to Montreal Wednesday to pick him up and he is scheduled to appear in provincial court.

Scanlan is the fourth person to be arrested on the nine-person list that police issued in January. He was wanted for making death threats.

To see the remaining five people wanted on the High Risk Enforcement Action Team (HEAT) Outstanding Warrant List, visit halifax.ca/police/heatlist.

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N.S. NDP split on federal leader



► Lenore Zann

NDP MLAs in Nova Scotia are a divided bunch when it comes to who the next leader of the federal party should be.

On Tuesday, Colchester County MLAs Gary Burrill and Lenore Zann announced they're supporting Brian Topp in the national NDP leadership contest.

"Brian Topp has placed the problem of income inequality squarely at the centre of his leadership campaign," said Zann,

MLA for Truro-Bible Hill, in a news release. "I very much support his view that promoting equality for all people is the mission and purpose of the New Democratic Party."

Earlier this month, three cabinet ministers in the provincial NDP government — Finance Minister Graham Steele, Culture Minister David Wilson and Justice Minister Ross Landry — announced they were endorsing Thomas Mul-

Convention

The NDP will pick its next federal leader during its party convention March 23-24 in Toronto.

cair's bid for the party's leadership.

Last month, candidate Peggy Nash announced she had the support of party MLAs Pam Birdsall, Vicky Conrad and Labour Minister Marilyn More.

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Tall Ships closes in on fundraising goal

► More than two dozen international vessels expected for summer event



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The province's Waterfront Development Corp. Ltd. says it's close to its fundraising goal for this year's Tall Ships festival.

Colin MacLean, president of WDCL, said on Tuesday several sponsors have already committed to contributing towards the \$3 million it takes to run the week-long festival.

"We're really, really close. We're working with some partners right now, some of them are in," said MacLean.

"(But) if anybody's interested in participating, there are different ways that people can participate," he said.

One of those ways is to volunteer. A volunteer drive began on Tuesday in hopes of attracting 400 people to help out with the event, which will take place from July 23 to 29.

In 2009, the event brought in 600 volunteers. MacLean said while WDCL

\$32M

The amount of money the Tall Ships festival brought into Halifax in 2009.

thinks they can make due with 400, the more the merrier.

WDCL expects about 25 non-Nova Scotian ships at this year's festival. MacLean said there will be more arts and cultural events held on the dock this year, using the ships as a backdrop.

The municipal government is contributing \$500,000, with the province kicking in \$780,000. It's not clear if the province's most recognizable contribution to the festival — the Bluenose II — will be ready to participate, however.

"We haven't made any announcements yet in terms of a relaunch of Bluenose II," said Michael Noonan, a spokesman for the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.



► The U.S. Coast Guard tall ship Eagle passes by the Halifax waterfront during the 2009 Parade of Sail. Thousands of people packed the waterfront in Halifax and Dartmouth to watch the ships sail past.

Faster U.S. security screening at Halifax airport

Travellers under Canada's Nexus program will be able to use their cards in new, faster security lines when flying to the United States.

Transport Minister Denis Lebel announced Tuesday that starting today, Nexus members can use their cards for faster screening at airports in eight Canadian cities.

Those airports are the Halifax Stanfield Interna-

tional Airport, and airports in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

The minister says this will cut waiting times.

"We had these lines for domestic and international flights. We didn't have them for U.S.A. before," Lebel told reporters at the Ottawa airport.

The Nexus program previously allowed Canadian



► It should now be easier for some travellers to fly from Halifax to the United States.

residents to pass through special lines when travelling by road to the United States or by air to some countries outside the U.S.

It's designed to make border security more efficient by allowing guards to move those who aren't considered a danger through customs more quickly and focus on travellers who have the potential to be high risk.

Applicants seeking to

Nexus program

► The Nexus program began as a joint venture of the Canada and U.S. governments in 2000.

qualify for the Nexus program must show they have no criminal record or any violations of customs or immigration laws.

The card costs \$50.

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Stranded ship to be seen by salvagers

Nova Scotia's Natural Resources Department says salvagers will go to Scaterie Island on Feb. 23 to assess how best to remove a bulk carrier that has been stranded since last September. Russell MacKinlay, the

department's acting director of operations, says representatives from Bennington Group of New York and Armada Offshore of Turkey will be involved in the effort to move the MV Miner. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Schneider to perform at casino

Comedian Rob Schneider will be performing at Casino Nova Scotia's The Schooner Room on Friday, March 30 at 8 p.m.

Tickets go on sale



► Rob Schneider

Thursday and will cost \$45 and \$55. METRO

New lead appointed to head African studies

Educator Dwayne Provo has been appointed the new position of African Nova Scotia Regional Education Officer.

Education Minister Ramona Jennex made the announcement, saying the

appointment is one of the recommendations from the Kids and Learning First plan, including concerns from African Nova Scotian communities about the quality of education for black students. METRO

120 patients' privacy breached: Capital Health

► Occurred between 2005 and last fall ► Capital Health began investigation last October after concerns raised

Capital Health is reporting a privacy breach involving the health records of 120 patients over a six-year period.

Capital Health spokesman John Gillis said Tuesday the records were inappropriately accessed by an unnamed former employee of the Hants Community Hospital.

"They would have been viewed electronically by a person who didn't have justification to view them," he said.

Gillis said the woman worked as a clerk who booked appointments for patients.

An audit was conducted after 15 cases were initially brought to light, he said. That audit flagged

Apology

► Capital Health issued an apology in a statement released Tuesday.

another 105 cases.

"Initially, those 15 cases came to our attention, and based on those we had a look through her history of access and found the additional cases," said Gillis.

Gillis said the woman was on leave at the time and left her job in January before the additional breaches were found.

He wouldn't say whether she was fired, but said Capital Health reserves the right to terminate employment in cases where serious privacy

breaches occur.

"We're satisfied at this point that we've identified every inappropriate access associated with this individual, so right now we are contacting each person who has been affected," Gillis said.

Capital Health provides health services to nearly half a million people in Halifax and the surrounding area.

"We apologize to all of those people whose private information was viewed and to the community at large," said Catherine Gaulton, vice-president of performance excellence.

"We are extremely disappointed that these breaches occurred."

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► A design image for the new White Point Beach Resort main lodge.

Design revealed for beach resort

Three months after a fire destroyed the main lodge at White Point Beach Resort, owner Robert Risley has revealed the hotel's new design.

Work on the new main lodge will begin this April, with an anticipated opening date in late fall.

Risley said Tuesday the new lodge will "recapture" the feeling of its predecessor.

"(The design) truly captures the essence of the former lodge, yet is distinctive and original, a perfect tribute to be enjoyed for many generations," Risley said in

a release.

Some upgrades, including accessibility enhancements, increased energy efficiency and a new kitchen, were included.

The new facility is expected to cost more than \$4 million.

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Crown asks for 18-month sentence for Stanley Cup rioter

The Crown says a young man who admitted to participating in the Stanley Cup riot should be sentenced to as much as 18 months in jail, arguing that all the rioters are guilty of robbing the residents of Vancouver of their sense of serenity.

Ryan Dickinson, 20, is the first person to plead guilty in the riot and will be the first sentenced for joining in on the mayhem that followed Game 7 of the Stanley Cup final last June.

Rioters spent hours torching cars, smashing windows and looting stores, causing millions of dollars in damage.

In an agreed statement of fact read in court Tuesday, Dickinson admitted to trashing an unmarked police vehicle in downtown Vancouver and tossing a mannequin and a newspaper box at a clothing-store window.

"What is common to all is that the riot has stripped a sense of safety and security from the city of Vancouver," said Crown lawyer Patti Tomasson.

"In the Crown's submission, the riot was akin to a home invasion of the whole community."

For Dickinson, who has a criminal record for assault, Tomasson recommended a sentence of between 15 and 18 months for the riot charge.

In addition, she asked for an additional one to three months for breaching bail conditions related to the unrelated assault charge.

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Former attorneys general light up national pot debate

► Calls to legalize marijuana grow as political heavyweights join debate**MATT KIELTYKA**
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METRO CANADA IN VANCOUVER

Four former B.C. attorneys general have joined the crusade for the legalization of marijuana.

Colin Gabelmann, Ujjal Dosanjh, Graeme Bowbrick and Geoff Plant all signed onto the Stop the Violence B.C. coalition Tuesday and sent a letter to both Premier Christy Clark and NDP Opposition Leader Adrian Dix endorsing legalizing, regulating and taxing marijuana.

Doing so will curb gang violence and crime, raise tax revenue and ease the load of the court system, they say.

"We should be prosecuting murderers and gangsters, not young people for small amounts of possession," Dosanjh said. "It's not a smart way to deal with crime, and there's a significant consensus that is evolving in this country and in the U.S."

The four ex-AGs join four Vancouver mayors who have already joined Stop the Violence B.C.

Dosanjh thinks continuing the criminalization of marijuana just encourages gangsters to profit off the drug trade and costs taxpayers dearly.

Health organizations, public-policy organizations and think-tanks — some often at odds with each other — have called for legaliza-

**► Ujjal Dosanjh speaks with reporters outside an Elections Canada office in South Vancouver in November 2008.**

tions, along with many law-enforcement associations.

Whether the growing pressure will pay off remains a big question, especially with the Conservative government currently in power. But Dosanjh argues

that's exactly why proponents need to speak up.

"It's in political circumstances like that it's important to participate in the debate," he said. "Canada has the opportunity to be a leader on this."

PM's pension rhetoric influenced by public: Report

New surveys for the government suggest Prime Minister Stephen Harper was tapping into deep anxieties among Canadians when he announced an overhaul to Canada's retirement system.

A few months before Harper told the world in Davos, Switzerland, that Canada's retirement benefits would not be sustainable without major changes, the public was already telling him it was los-

ing faith in Ottawa's ability to deal with an aging population.

Polling and focus-group testing for the Privy Council Office point to an overriding concern about aging and about whether the federal government's policies were sufficient.

"Across the country, participants touched on a series of concerns that revolve around the aging of Canada's population, and the government's ability to

**► Stephen Harper speaks in the House of Commons.**

address the challenges associated with this reality," says the report by Walker Consulting Group, based on public-opinion research done last August.

In open-ended questions, many respondents told the pollsters that the government needed to pay special attention to pension sustainability and the ability of future generations to support growing numbers of retirees.

In responses from across

the country, participants said repeatedly they were concerned about the ability of the health-care system to handle the growing burden of an aging population.

A month later, Harper used his podium at an exclusive economics gathering in Davos to announce that he, too, was concerned about taxpayers' ability to finance retirement benefits in the coming decades and was preparing to make changes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Germany, Canada sign defence deal

Canada has secured a deal with Germany to establish a strategic European base that would support future conflicts.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay made the announcement today following a meeting with his German counterpart, Thomas de Maiziere.

Over the last few years, National Defence has been quietly scouting lo-

cations in key regions of the world to set up small logistical bases and warehouses of stores that could be quickly expanded if needed.

MacKay says such facilities proved themselves invaluable during the Afghan war, and the European hub will be located at the Cologne-Bonn airport.

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Tories defend internet bill

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson says legislation that would give police and spies easier access to information about Internet users is simply an attempt to bring the law into the 21st century.

He rejects NDP warnings that the bill threatens to turn Canada into a surveillance society.

Nicholson says the proposed changes will give police and security services

**► Public Safety Minister Vic Toews, left, and Justice Minister Rob Nicholson**

the tools they need to deal with sophisticated cybercriminals expert in hiding themselves on the Internet.

He says the new bill, tabled Tuesday, strikes a balance between giving the

police new tools and protecting privacy rights.

It would also require telecommunication service providers to have the technical capability to allow authorities to intercept

messages and conversations.

The Opposition NDP says the bill opens the door to snooping and police fishing expeditions.

"We are against this bill and we will fight this bill all the way," said New Democrat MP Charlie Angus. "Canadians are not criminals."

The bill would allow authorities access to Internet subscriber information — including name, address, telephone number and email address — without first getting a court's go-ahead. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Syrian official chastises Canada over sanctions

► Diplomat denies regime is responsible for civilian deaths
► Harper calling for President Bashar Assad to step down

Syria's top diplomat in Canada is striking back at Ottawa for what he says are "deplorable" sanctions imposed by the Harper government that he insists are harming innocent civilians in his country.

Bashar Akbik, Syria's charge d'affaires, levelled that accusation in an interview with The Canadian Press during which he steadfastly denied that the regime of President Bashar Assad is responsible for the killing of thousands of innocent civilians in a bloody 11-month crackdown on dissent.

Akbik blamed terrorists and criminals for the violence in his country. He said a Western-led "conspiracy"



► Bashar Akbik

— with Saudi Arabia's collusion — is trying to overthrow his government and that conspiracy is responsible for the carnage that the United Nations says has left more than 5,400 dead.

"Hollywood"-style videos on the Internet that have fabricated scenes of government forces killing innocent civilians are part and parcel of the international

plot, he said.

Akbik's denial came within hours of United Nations human-rights chief Navi Pillay's telling the General Assembly that Assad's regime has likely committed crimes against humanity.

"Canada is helping to worsen the life of the Syrian citizens, and the sanctions will bring no result," Akbik said.

"This is really deplorable, the Canadian stand towards the current events in Syria," he added. "Since the first days of the insurgency in Syria, the Canadian government took a belligerent position against the Syrian regime."

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Activists say Syrian people facing 'brutal shelling'



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

► Civilians flee from fighting after Syrian tanks enter the northwestern city of Idlib on Tuesday.

Syrian government forces renewed their assault on the rebellious city of Homs on Tuesday in what activists described as the heaviest shelling in days, as the UN human rights-chief raised fears of civil war.

Troops loyal to President Bashar Assad have been shelling Homs for more than a week to retake parts of the city captured by rebel forces. Hundreds are believed to have been killed

since last Saturday, and the humanitarian conditions in the city have been worsening.

Homs was under "brutal shelling" on Tuesday, the Local Coordination Committees activist group said, citing its network of witnesses on the ground.

Another activist group, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said it was the heaviest shelling in days.

With diplomatic efforts bogged down, the conflict in Syria is taking on the dimensions of a civil war, with army defectors clashing almost daily with soldiers.

UN human-rights chief Navi Pillay warned on Monday that the Security Council's failure to take action has emboldened the Syrian government to launch an all-out assault.

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Greece delays on demands, postponing bailout meeting

► EU countries, analysts skeptical indebted country will pull through

Two steps forward, one step back. So goes the frenzied effort across Europe to bail out Greece and save it from a potentially devastating default on its debts.

A meeting of the finance chiefs of the 17 euro countries to discuss Greece's second bailout planned for Wednesday was called off Tuesday evening after Athens failed to deliver in time on several demands made by its partners in the currency union.

The last-minute cancellation shows the eurozone wants much tougher guarantees now from Athens before giving it an extra

130 billion euros in rescue loans, on top of 110 billion euros granted in 2010, raising fears that the deal could fall apart.

The meeting was expected to give the green light for a bond-swap deal with private creditors designed to slice some 100 billion euros off Greece's debt. The deal must be finalized by March 20, when Greece faces a bond redemption of 14.5 billion euros.

While the Parliament faced down violent protests on the weekend to approve a new austerity package, the cabinet spent hours Tuesday discussing



► A worker cleans red and black paint off the Bank of Greece's sign after Sunday's riots in Athens.

how to save an extra 325 million euros demanded by the eurozone. Much of the past two years has been spent working to avoid a default in Greece,

but the measures around a second bailout have made it difficult to see how the country can restore growth.

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European Union urges China to join in efforts

European Union leaders urged China on Tuesday to open its markets, join in persuading Iran to negotiate over its nuclear program and help end bloodshed in Syria during a summit delayed by Europe's debt crisis.

Leaders of the two sides pledged to boost trade and to start negotiations on an investment treaty. But at a news conference, EU officials and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao expressed dif-

► European Commission President José Manuel Barroso at a joint press conference on Tuesday.



ferences on issues from trade to human rights.

Europe is China's biggest trading partner but companies and business groups complain Beijing is trying to limit access to industries in violation of its free-trade pledges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anonymous strikes again

A U.S. security company whose tear gas has been used against Egyptian demonstrators has become the latest victim of the Anonymous move-

ment, hackers claimed Tuesday. An Internet statement said the hackers broke into Combined Systems Inc.'s website and stole personal information from clients and employees.

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CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

'Business as usual' for Air Canada

Travellers flying Air Canada can keep booking their flights as negotiations continue with a new federally appointed mediator to help resolve an ongoing contract dispute between the airline and its pilots.

"It is business as usual," the Montreal carrier's spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said in an email Tuesday.

"Customers can continue to make their travel plans and book in confidence.

Talks are continuing and "we are confident

that a disruption will be avoided," Fitzpatrick said.

Results of a pilot vote on a strike mandate were expected to be released later Tuesday and the company is already in a legal position to impose new contract terms or lock out the workers.

The measures give either side 72 hours to serve notice of its intention to impose a work stoppage.

Both sides have said they will not use those options while talks continue.

The federal government put pressure on both sides to avoid any disruptions in air travel, saying a strike or lockout would harm the economy during a fragile recovery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

► A Boeing 787 Dreamliner arrives in Singapore last Saturday.



Boeing seals largest order

Boeing has locked in its biggest order ever with a little-known airline halfway around the world.

The Chicago airplane manufacturer said Tuesday that it has finalized an order from Indonesian carrier Lion Air for 230 planes — worth a combined \$22.4 billion US. The deal is the largest commercial airplane order ever for Boeing Co. by both dollar value and number of airplanes. The order includes 201 of Boeing's redesigned 737 and 29 extended range 737-900s.

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Market moment

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Republicans push on for Keystone

Congressional Republicans have resurrected their efforts to force a speedy approval of TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline, attempting to insert provisions aimed at greenlighting the project into legislation before both the House of Representatives and the Senate this week.

Mitch McConnell, Senate minority leader, is co-sponsoring the Republicans' Keystone XL amendment to a highway bill that's work-

ing its way through the upper chamber. That suggests the Republicans will soon push for a vote in the Senate, where they hold 47 of the chamber's 100 seats.

The House of Representatives, meantime, will debate a 979-page package of energy and transportation proposals in several separate pieces of legislation this week, Speaker John Boehner said Tuesday.

The energy component includes a measure that would reverse President

Barack Obama's decision last month to reject the \$7.6-billion pipeline.

Renewed Republican efforts to force the pipeline's approval came as TransCanada announced it now expects a startup date for Keystone XL in early 2015, not 2014, as previously announced. The company said the delay is partly due to the fact that it's waiting for more information from the Obama administration about reapplying for a permit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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February may be miserable for some of us, but for those crazy Valentines planning their June wedding it's a glorious time. In my 20 years as a DJ, I have worked more weddings than Kim Kardashian will ever have, and I'm shocked at how many lose sight of the most important ingredient: The music! How many of you have seen the reality show Musical Weddings? No? That's because there isn't one. And yet there are countless shows about dresses and shoes and chocolate fountains. The industry will have you believe that these things are critical, when we all know that at the very heart of it all is the music. No one will even see your shoes.

On the night of the northeast blackout in 2003, I was doing a wedding. The bridal party was dressed and ready, but there was no electricity. The venue had a generator, which would provide four hours of music if we used

nothing else. No flashing lights. No video. No uncle Saul belting out his karaoke rendition of My Way. Just a welcome speech, some drinking and everyone dancing until just past midnight ... on a Thursday.

I used to get calls from brides who had paid \$2,000 for a dress and \$750 for a cake but expected to spend \$500 on a DJ because that's how much their cousins paid ... in 1983.

A wedding reception is meant to be a moment of celebration between loved ones. It's not an opportunity to hog the spotlight in front of a captive audience.

If your DJ is energetic, knows his music and observes the crowd, he'll have her aunt Myrna from Flin Flon doing the Cha Cha Slide with his uncle Surjeet from Bombay before the night is done.

Can your cake do that?

No one wants to hear lengthy speeches about your days at summer camp, or watch a 15-minute slide show of your relationship set to the music of Celine Dion.

They want to party, and if you don't think there's a difference between a good DJ and a guy who's there because he knows how to press "play," then you might as well stock the bar with Shirley Temples and virgin daiquiris.

Magazines and wedding planners will tell you that food and decor (and wedding planners) are the most important elements of your affair, but then so will the guy that carves the fruit into animal shapes.

Some of the best weddings I've ever attended involved tight-knit groups of friends celebrating memories together, dancing to '90s music without so much as a glance at the ice sculptures or gold-painted human statues.

Yes, ladies, it is your night, but it's meant to be enjoyed with your loved ones, so feed them, keep them lubricated and hire a DJ or band that rocks. You may actually create a memory that you and your friends will want to relive when that video you paid so much for, is done.

Just sayin'.

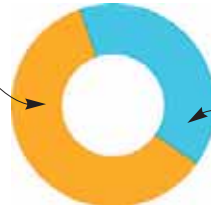
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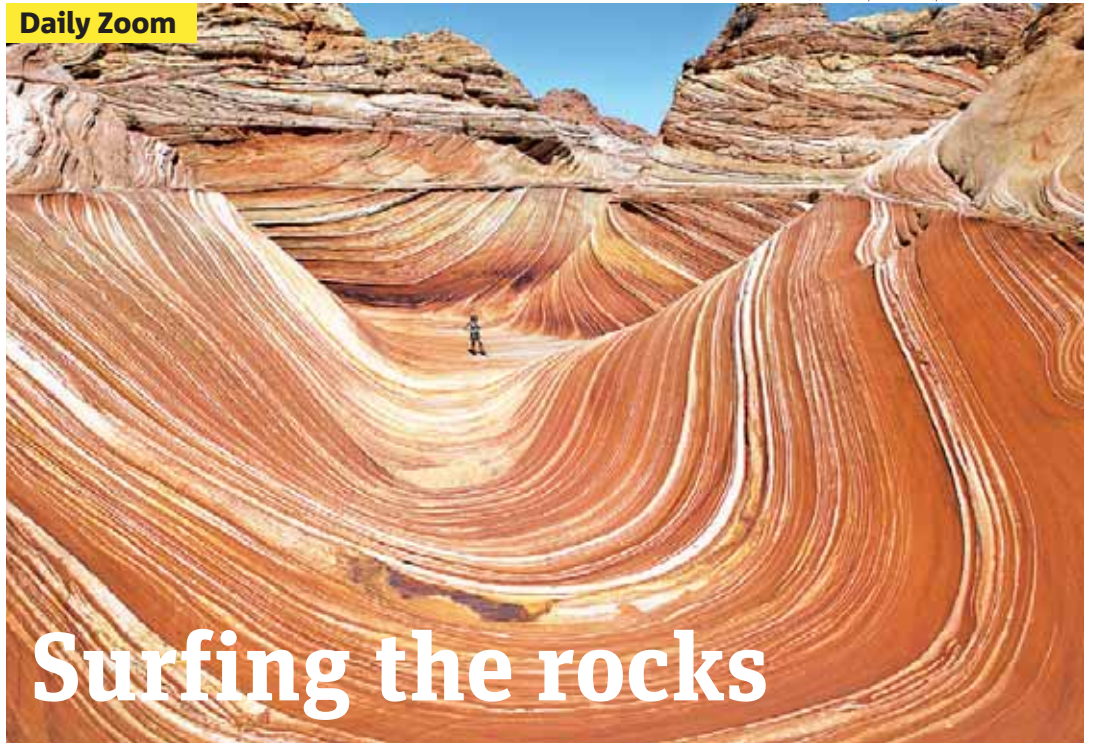
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Surfing the rocks

Rock only seen by chosen few

ARIZONA. British photographer Simon Byrne is on the crest of a wave of success after becoming one of the lucky few to learn the secret location of this stunning sandstone formation. The 31-year-old needed a special permit before he was given "rough guidelines" to find The Wave in a remote spot in Arizona.

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60 seconds

What were your first thoughts after you found The Wave?

Spectacular. One minute you're hiking across the desert, and suddenly you're there. I was amazed how perfectly formed and preserved this sandstone phenomenon is. Every inch you move changes the whole dynamic of the scene, meaning you can explore

The Wave for hours. You're among the lucky few to actually find The Wave.

Why so?

Guidelines to find this were only provided to those lucky to get a permit in a lottery.

What do you love about this photograph?

How all the lines connect together. They seem to run around the whole structure and don't seem to have a beginning or an end. It's almost like a sea reaching a tideline. ● MWN

The Wave

► Location. Somewhere in the 112,500-acre Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness, near the Arizona/Utah border.
► Jurassic Rock. 190-million-year-old sand dunes that turned to stone.
► Best time to photograph The Wave? Around midday when no shadows are cast in centre.

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Dancing with the Devil

► Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance is the latest film to pit Hollywood heroes against Satan



► In Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance, Johnny Blaze is called out of hiding to stop the devil, who is trying to take human form.

IN FOCUS

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In this weekend's Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance, Johnny Blaze, played by Nicolas Cage, joins a long line of movie characters in the ultimate fight — battling Satan! Everyone from Jack Black to Viggo Mortensen to Santa Claus has been hell bent on battling Old Scratch on the big screen.

In Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny, Jack Black and Kyle Glass play heavy metal musicians who must play a musical battle with Lucifer.

"The demon code prevents me from declining the rock off challenge," says Old Scratch before they engage in a metal showdown. If they win, they'll be superstars and the keepers of the magic pick made of Satan's tooth. Lose and Kyle gets a new roommate — the prince of darkness.

The Devil in Prince of Darkness takes a slightly different form than Pick of

Destiny's traditional ruby-skinned imp. In this John Carpenter chiller the Devil is an alien life form trapped in an alternate world. Meanwhile, his son lives on our planet, boiled down into a vat of sinister-looking green liquid.

E-critic.com hated the movie, suggesting the advertising tagline for the movie should be: It's NEW and IMPROVED LIQUID SATAN!!!, but it has some good thrills, a moody synthesize score, a cameo by Alice Cooper and a great performance by Donald Pleasance as a priest who does battle with the Devil.

One critic called The Prophecy "Paradise Lost reimaged as a droll B horror picture."

Christopher Walken plays an angel trying to wage war against God. You might imagine that would put him in league with the Devil, but you'd be wrong. "Your war is arrogance," says Mephistopheles, who looks a lot like Viggo Mortensen, "That makes it evil. That's mine."

The movie spawned four sequels, but the original remains the best, if only to watch Mortensen deliver lines like, "While heaven may be closed I am always

open, even on Christmas."

And speaking of Christmas, one of the strangest cinematic demonic battles happens in the Mexican fantasy film Santa Claus. Described as "Ho Ho Horrible!" by one critic, it's cut-rate and cheesy but has a certain kitschy charm.

Sometimes referred to as Santa Claus Conquers the Devil, this weird movie sees St Nick shoot the Devil with toy arrows. Though marketed to kids, the Mystery Science Theater 3000 folks summed it up best when they said the movie is "good old-fashioned nightmare fuel."

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Scene in brief



Director Michael Bay plans a fresh take on shape-shifting robots with the fourth installment in his Transformers franchise. Paramount Pictures announced Monday night that Bay will return to direct the next chapter in the blockbuster sci-fi series, due in theatres June 29, 2014.

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Nicki Minaj versus the Catholic Church

► Star's self-exorcism performance at Grammys panned

THE WORD

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By aiming to prove to the world that she's not just Lil' Kim reincarnated, Nicki Minaj tried to make her mark on Sunday night's Grammy Awards by performing an over-the-top — and highly panned — rendition of her single Roman Holiday.

The performance featured a self-exorcism, dancing monks and nuns, burning flames and Minaj speaking in tongues. Basically, the whole production made The Phantom of the Opera look like high



► Nicki Minaj

art. And now Catholics are (rightfully) angry, with the Catholic League releasing a scathing statement by president Bill Donohue, who places the blame on both Minaj and the Recording Academy, the organization that hands out the Grammys, for letting such

an "offensive" performance air.

"Whether Minaj is possessed is surely an open question, but what is not in doubt is the irresponsibility of the Recording Academy," he wrote.

In her defence, Minaj says that the Recording Academy wanted her to do Roman Holiday.

"I could have chosen to do a no-brainer pop song, but I can't do it anymore. I have to stay true to what I am doing," she told Ryan Seacrest yesterday.

This whole thing is so silly. But I'll tell you what is incredible, dear reader: We're still talking about the usually dull Grammy Awards a full three days after it aired. That has to be some kind of record.

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Aniston not keen on kids

AT PEACE WITH HER LIFE
Despite all the outside focus on her romantic fortunes, Jennifer Aniston says she isn't interested in attaining the picture-perfect life.

"I think that's sort of cliché, isn't it? Like, if you want to be happy, you should have the house, the husband, the kids," Aniston tells GQ magazine. "Kids are

messy!"

As for what might happen family-wise with boyfriend Justin Theroux?

"I still kind of go with. If it happens, it

happens," she says.

"I'm calm and peaceful with whatever the plan is. It's not something where I'm going, 'I gotta have a kid!'"

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Celebrity tweets



"Hmm, I wonder if Lady Gaga ever got out of that net. #grammysleftovers"

@iamwandasykes



@AlbertBrooks

"If the Greeks shortened their names wouldn't they save a lot of money?"

@SethMacFarlane



"Watched a bit of Real House-wives of Beverly Hills. Don't know how science gave that many platypuses the power of speech."

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Travel in brief



A large-scale art installation comprising 200 tents set up on the grounds of Fort York National Historic Site in Toronto is being planned to help mark the bicentennial of the War of 1812. The Encampment, commissioned by the City of Toronto and the Luminato arts festival, will be staged each evening from June 8 to 24, serving as "a massive collective expression of art and history," say promoters.

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Ga., county buys garden of late folk artist Howard Finster that was featured in R.E.M. video

Get a taste for Halifax

- Nova Scotia's capital is known for fishing, the Bluenose and Alexander Keith's brewery
- But the city is also carving a name for itself as a destination for foodies

With the Atlantic ocean lapping at its front door, it's no secret a trip to Halifax pairs nicely with a side of fish and chips. But adventurous gourmets may be surprised to learn the seaside capital also offers up a smorgasbord of dining options that local foodies say rivals big city competitors.

"When you think of Halifax, seafood — no question — comes to mind as a leading commodity," says Patricia Lyall, executive director of Destination Halifax, the city's tourism marketing organization.

But with some 500 bistros, pubs, fine dining rooms, supper clubs, diners and international eateries in the sprawling municipality, Lyall says there are plenty of opportunities to push the boundaries of your palate. "You can very easily plan to dine out seven days a week and not replicate the experience."

That doesn't get much easier than in February when the Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia hosts the annual Savour Food and Wine Festival.

The event was launched nine years ago to promote the province's restaurant industry during what's widely considered a slow season in the business.

The month-long pageant of dinner, drinks and desserts includes four events: a chocolate, wine and cheese showcase (it was held at the beginning of the month); a rare and fine



► Lauren Marshall is the head chef at Morris East, the only restaurant in Halifax with a real wood-fired oven.

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wine tasting (Feb. 17, sold out); and Dine Around, an offering of three-course, prix-fixe menus at participating restaurants (all month). The highlight of the festival is the Savour Food and Wine Show on Feb. 23 — a one-night-only epicurean extravaganza hosted by some of Nova Scotia's most inspired chefs. Tickets for the popular event are typically sold out a week in advance.

"I think Nova Scotians have been educated; there's a lot more travel and people want to have a better quality product," says Joe McGuinness, festival chairman and co-owner of Durty

If you go...

► Tickets for the Savour Food and Wine show cost \$79 plus tax. For detailed information on the festival, visit savourfoodandwine.com.

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Nelly's, an Irish pub located on Argyle Street. "We're now a cosmopolitan city of offering a wide variety of local and ethnic cuisine."

But while variety may be the spice of life, local restaurateurs say the city's

affection for local products is key to its culinary appeal.

Downtown, a couple of blocks away from bustling Spring Garden Road, is Morris East. The small but stylish restaurant serves up gourmet, thin-crust pizzas



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and boasts what it says is the city's only real wood-fired oven. The oven came from Naples; its chef hails from Halifax.

"A lot of people are very concerned about where their food is coming from," says Lauren Marshall, who has whipped up a vegetarian dish for the Savour show that features handmade pasta, local veggies and Nova Scotia cheese.

Tucked away in the north end is Chez Tess Creperie, offering sweet and savoury crepes served with Annapolis Valley cider. On historic Barrington Street sits Chives Canadian Bistro, known for its eclectic menu that favours local food producers.

And, of course, there's no shortage of seafood — with a twist. Spots like Fid Resto on Dresden Row serve up seared Atlantic salmon with pickled plums and poutine made with fresh Nova Scotia lobster.

Lyall says it's only in recent years that Destination Halifax began considering dining out as more than a basic travel need, but as a tourism draw.

She admits being initially surprised by the diversity and expertise the city has to offer. Now, Lyall believes Halifax can "punch above its weight" and compete with any cosmopolitan city.

McGuinness agrees.

"The old perception of it being a sleepy fishing village, that's long gone."

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In New York fashion

► Exhibit looks back at 50 years of fashion design in North America

Paris has its scarves and skinny suits, Milan has its luxe leather and London its swinging miniskirts, but ask American designers what they've added to fashion and the collective answer is democracy, from wrap dresses worn by working women in the 1970s to a dress worn by the first lady.

The Council of Fashion Designers of America, in honour of its 50th anniversary this year, asked its membership, which includes president Diane von Furstenberg, Marc Jacobs, Sean Combs and Michael Kors, to craft their own "impact statements" and choose outfits and photos they feel best represent their signature styles for a new exhibit opening Saturday at the Museum at FIT in Manhattan.

There are 80 outfits on display in the show, called Impact: 50 Years of the CFDA, but the works of 450 designers are represented in a multimedia display and a companion book.

"There is something magical about the way this group was founded back in 1962, in a small room off of Seventh Avenue.

"It was the brain trust of 20 passionate designers who were motivated to create a safe haven for the members of their community.

"They sought to protect and promote their own," von Furstenberg writes in the book.

Von Furstenberg lent to the museum one of her original wrap dresses from the 1970s, a symbol of the working-women's

movement, while Oscar de la Renta, a former CFDA president, offered up a gown, accented in neon, from his current spring collection. (De la Renta always says his newest designs are his most important.)

A surprise came from Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen in talking about their contribution, said Patricia Mears, museum deputy director and curator.

They didn't note their celebrity or even the accolades earned by their collection The Row, instead saying they were most proud of a commitment to manufacturing in the United States.

"Impact in America is interpreted a lot of ways. It has a lot of diversity. It could be making things affordable, it could be

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Impact: 50 Years of the CFDA runs Feb. 10 - April 17.



► The Council of Fashion Designers of America have put together their own 'impact' statements for the exhibit.

quality like haute couture," said Mears.

She added, "Someone like Marc (Jacobs) is such a huge, influential entity but he followed the American path. When he did his groundbreaking grunge collection, it got him fired, but he says that's what set him free and served as a launching pad for something new."

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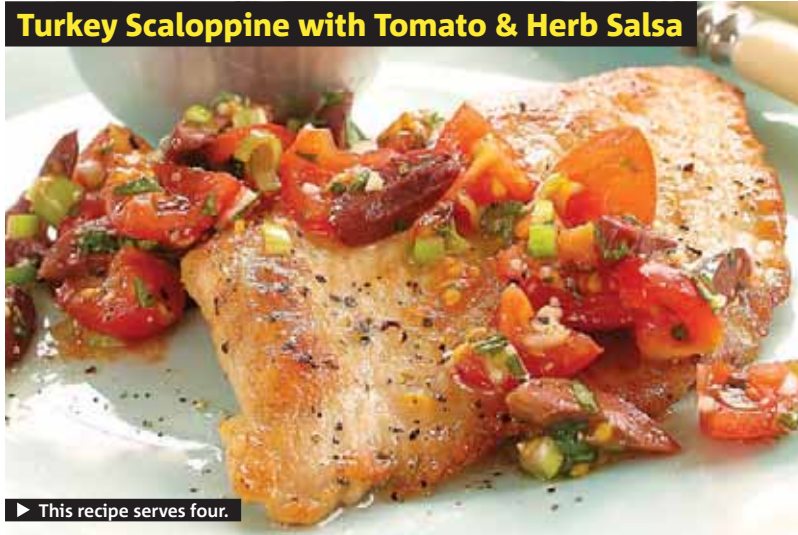
Fill glass with ice and pour in vodka and pomegranate juice. With lemon beverage. Garnish with lemon slice and serve.

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Turkey Scaloppine with Tomato & Herb Salsa

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► This recipe serves four.

Preparation:

- 1 Fresh Tomato and Herb Salsa: In bowl, combine tomatoes, olives, green onion, oil, salt, pepper, basil, chopped mint and

feta.

- 2 Coat turkey in flour, shaking off any excess. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Ingredients:

Fresh Tomato and Herb Salsa

- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped fresh tomatoes
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pitted kalamata olives, halved
- 1 green onion, sliced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each sea salt and fresh pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped

fresh basil

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) fresh mint
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) crumbled feta

- 4 turkey scaloppine cutlets

- 30 ml (1 tbsp) all purpose flour
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each sea salt and fresh pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil

- 3 In non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook turkey in two batches about 4 minutes per side, until crisp and golden and no longer pink inside. Keep in warm oven while cooking second batch of turkey.

- 4 Divide turkey among 4 plates and top with fresh salsa. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ONTARIO TURKEY/ADAPTED FOR METRO NEWS BY EMILY RICHARDS, A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.**

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WORKPLACE LAW

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Here is a sampling of some of the workplace law questions I was asked this week, demonstrating why employees sometimes author their own workplace misfortunes:

Resignations

If you resign with little or no notice, it is no surprise that your former employer will be reluctant to provide references or hold back some final pay.

Just as employers must provide you with reasonable notice of your termination, you must provide fair notice that you are going to resign.

Harassment claims

Today, mental "harassment" is the most overused word at work. Employers hate these complaints and the employees who make them, so unless you can show a clear case of misconduct, do not raise a harassment complaint unless you also want to find a new

job.
Internet legal advice

Every employee now seems to be a workplace law "expert," able to find plenty of free legal advice about employment law on the Internet, which most of the time is plainly wrong. Be careful. If you are going to challenge your employer's decisions, however unjust, first make sure your view of the law is correct.

Employment Standards Act

Just because provincial or federal legislation says there is an entitlement to right or benefit, it does not mean that you are entitled to it. All of the workplace legislation across Canada contains hidden "qualifiers" — words that create exceptions or, in some cases, exemptions. Do not make assumptions based on legislation that you may not understand.

Workplace computers

Be careful when you use them for personal matters. Since privacy laws do not apply when you use your employer's computer at work, it can read and keep records of what you've written and done, without your consent.

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STEVE MORLEY'S NAME WON'T BE ON THE LIST WHEN CFL FREE AGENCY KICKS OFF WEDNESDAY.

THE TOWERING OFFENSIVE LINEMAN FROM HALIFAX RE-SIGNED WITH THE

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS ON TUESDAY, THE DAY BEFORE HE WAS SCHEDULED TO BECOME A FREE AGENT.

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MORLEY, 30, PLAYED HIS COLLEGE FOOTBALL AT SAINT MARY'S AND WAS SELECTED FIRST OVERALL BY CALGARY IN THE 2003 CFL CANADIAN COLLEGE DRAFT.

From 'regular' lives to shot at national glory

► Smith-Dacey foursome readies for Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Red Deer, Alta. ► Nova Scotia opens Saturday at 8 p.m. vs. Saskatchewan

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► Heather Smith-Dacey throws a stone at the Nova Scotia Scotties Tournament of Hearts last month.



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A week in the spotlight at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts will be the culmination of a year of hard work and sacrifice for Heather Smith-Dacey and her teammates.

The CFB Halifax foursome, featuring Smith-Dacey at skip, Danielle Parsons at third, Blisse Comstock at second, and Teri Lake at lead, will put their busy lives aside one last time this season to chase a Canadian women's curling title starting Saturday in Red Deer, Alta.

Smith-Dacey is a 39-year-old mother of two who has a hand in running two businesses. Lake works in communications for Air Canada Jazz, Parsons is a regional representative for the Rocks and Rings elementary-school curling program, and Comstock works in administration for Dexter Construction.

The field

Nova Scotia's opponents at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts:

- Team Canada (Saskatchewan): Amber Holland
- Alberta: Heather Nedohin
- British Columbia: Kelly Scott
- Manitoba: Jennifer Jones

- New Brunswick: Rebecca Atkinson
- Newfoundland and Labrador: Heather Strong
- Northwest/Yukon Territories: Kerry Galusha
- Ontario: Tracy Horgan
- Prince Edward Island: Kim Dolan
- Quebec: Marie-France Larouche
- Saskatchewan: Michelle Englot

cohorts ramped up their training effort to take a shot at a national title.

They competed at eight tournaments, with World Curling Tour stops at the Manitoba Lotteries Classic in Winnipeg in October and the Sun Life Classic in Brantford, Ont., in November.

"Not to say there weren't ups and downs during all that travel — of course there were — but that's what makes you better," Smith-Dacey said. A semifinal finish at the Sun Life Classic provided a big confidence boost.

"It builds a huge belief

"It doesn't feel like a lot of work because it's a lot of fun. Not to say there weren't ups and downs during all that travel — of course there are — but that's what makes you better."

NOVA SCOTIA SKIP
HEATHER SMITH DACEY

in you because when you play these top teams on a regular basis, you don't feel like, 'I've seen them on TV so they're better than me,'" Smith-Dacey said. "You know you can play with them."

Courtesy of a 7-1 run to a provincial Scotties title last month, the Smith-Dacey rink is on a roll as it departs for Alberta on Thursday.

"We're going into it now more prepared and a more developed team," she said. "We're certainly hoping to improve on last year's finish."



Sumarah says Mills is 'leaning' towards Ottawa move

It appears Saint Mary's quarterback Jesse Mills is poised to follow Steve Sumarah to Ottawa to join the Carleton Ravens.

Sumarah, who was fired by Saint Mary's in December only to be hired by the Ravens a month later, said Tuesday night that Mills — the Huskies' prized recruit last summer — is planning to move to Ontario to study at Carleton and play junior football with the Ottawa Sooners.

After a red-shirt year, the former Citadel Phoenix high school standout will be eligible to play for Carleton in 2013, when the Ravens make their return to Ontario University Athletics.

"I think it's fair to say one of the reasons he came to Saint Mary's is because of the rapport we had," Sumarah said. "Now that I'm no longer there, I think he feels slighted by the whole thing and he's weighing his options. He'd have to sit a year, but the Sooners play right on the Carleton campus and it's a dual win, and that's the direction he's leaning."

Saint Mary's athletic director Steve Sarty, meanwhile, denied Mills was leaving the Huskies. When asked if Mills would be in a Huskies jersey this coming fall, Sarty said, "Yes."

"He is not transferring to Carleton," Sarty said.

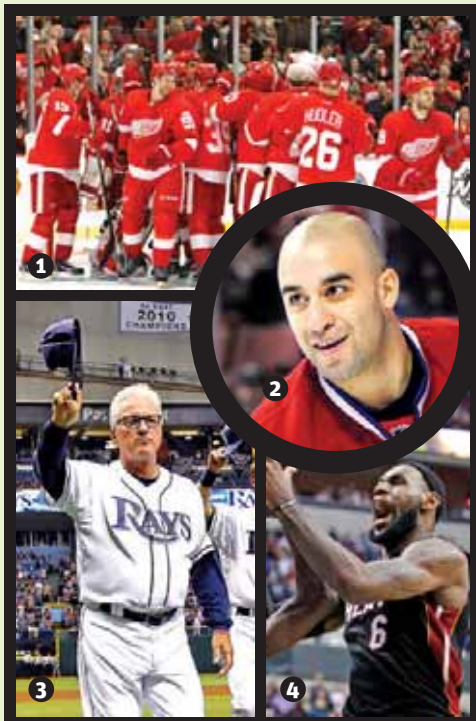
"There's all kinds of rumours out there, none of which are true," he added.

Sarty said there are two candidates for the Huskies' head coaching job but that he didn't want to put a deadline on making a decision. **MATTHEW WUEST**

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1 The Detroit Red Wings won an NHL-record 21st straight home game, beating the Dallas Stars 3-1 on Tuesday night. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

2 An argument between Canadiens forward Scott Gomez and assistant coach Randy Ladouceur at a Montreal practice on Tuesday was so long and intense that some media observers thought it might turn into a fistfight. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

3 A person familiar with the deal says manager Joe Maddon has agreed to a three-year contract extension with the Tampa Bay Rays. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

4 LeBron James scored 23 points as the Miami Heat rolled to a 105-90 win over the Pacers in Indiana on Tuesday to become the first NBA team in 33 years to win three road games in three nights. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Lin for the win

► Knicks guard drains three-pointer in dying seconds to defeat Raptors
► Sellout crowd watches Harvard grad score 27 points, with 11 assists



In the time it took for Jeremy Lin to glance up at the clock, then pull up and launch a jaw-dropping shot, the New York Knicks phenomenon penned another page in his fairytale story.

The 23-year-old guard, who went from a seldom-used player to the league's hottest story in the span of a week, drained a three-point shot with 0.5 seconds on the clock to lift the Knicks to their sixth consecutive victory, 90-87 over the Toronto Raptors.

"You just watch, you're in awe," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni said, of the game's thrilling final play. "He only held it until five-tenths of a second, he's pretty confident that was going in, no rebound, no nothing, that ball was being buried."

Lin finished with 27 points and a career-high 11 assists, and was huge down the stretch, scoring the final five points for New York (14-15) in one of the most exciting finishes in Toronto in recent memory.

Lin, the league's first-



► Knicks point guard Jeremy Lin gets the winning three-pointer in over Jose Calderon with 0.5 seconds left.

Ring for Casey

Toronto head coach Dwane Casey was presented his NBA championship ring before the game.

► Casey was an assistant coach with the Dallas Mavericks last season when they beat Miami to win the NBA title.

ever American-born player of Chinese or Taiwanese descent, arrived in Toronto on a dream first week as an NBA starter — earning Eastern Conference player of the week honours.

He put in another magical performance Tuesday.

On the Knicks' final possession, Lin showed no hesitation in taking the last shot, and the season-high crowd of 20,092 stood on its feet and roared as he dribbled the ball while the clock wound down before launching the pull-up jumper.

"I'm really not thinking too much about that," said Lin on having the ball with the game on the line. "I'm thankful my teammates and my coach trust me with the ball at the end of the game, and I like having it at the end of the game. I'm just very thankful."

Jose Calderon had 25 points and nine assists for the Raptors (9-21), who coughed up a 17-point first-half lead in the loss.

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Engine

In keeping with the Spark's modest transportation role, the standard powerplant is a 1.2-litre four-cylinder that generates an equally modest 85 horsepower and 82 pound-feet of torque.

That's obviously not a lot, but wrapped in a small 1,045-kilogram vehicle built for urban commuting with short-lived jaunts at highway speeds, it'll do just fine.

Four doors, not two

The Spark's secret, it seems, involves getting the most room out of the least amount of space. Its upright body offers generous door openings for easy access and plenty of headroom for four adult passengers.

Chevrolet has crafted a neatly designed exterior, highlighted by bulging fenders containing wheels that have been pushed out to each side for the sake of stability and passenger room. And as with the larger Sonic hatchback, the rear door handles have been integrated as part of the window frame, giving the car a two-door appearance, which is all the rage these days.

Stowage

The car is nearly 15 centimetres taller than a Mini Cooper. In other aspects the Spark is slightly shorter overall and there's less distance between the front and rear wheels than the Mini.

You also won't find much stowage area in back, but enlarging the space for life's bulky stuff is just a split-folding-rear-bench away.



► The Spark's small-displacement four-cylinder engine won't set any acceleration records, but that's not really the point here, is it?

The right car for the jungle



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The concrete jungle is becoming increasingly tougher to navigate. The streets are clogged, parking fees are ridiculous and fuel is far from cheap.

Survival demands a minimalist transportation module with maximum space for people and cargo. For both urbanites and suburbanites, the Chevrolet Spark is on its way.

Chevrolet has been the recipient of numerous accolades lately for its compact and sub-compact brands.

The one-year-old Cruze has been a huge hit and it appears that the newly released Sonic sedan and hatchback will follow the

same course for 2012.

And with a growing list of recently released competitors, it seems as though North Americans are beginning to embrace fuel efficiency and a smaller footprint as a way of life.

The Spark hatchback's mid-2012 arrival serves to add fuel to the sub-compact fire.

Versions of this Korea-built four-door hatchback have been buzzing around the streets of Europe, Asia, South America, Australia and Mexico for a few years. Now it's our turn.

In the near future, the Spark could very well be the envy of competitors such as the Smart Fortwo, Scion iQ, Fiat 500 and Mini Cooper.



Chevrolet Spark



What you should know about the 2013 Chevrolet Spark:

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.2-litre DOHC I4 (85).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual; four-speed automatic (opt.).
- **Market position:** Chevrolet is joining a growing number of automakers offering bite-sized hatchbacks that attempt to combine reasonable passenger space and comfort with exceptional fuel economy and fun-to-drive capability.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 6.0/4.9 (MT, est.).

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By comparison

Scion iQ

Base price: \$18,150
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► Writer Justin Pritchard puts his own car, a 1993 Toyota MR2, to the test for a review



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In 1993 I was an 11-year-old aspiring car-nerd. I had a lot of car posters on my bedroom wall.

About four years back, I decided to buy a car from one of those posters.

The Toyota MR2 GTS made the most sense. They're fairly reliable, affordable, and easy to find replacement parts for.

I shelled out \$7,500 to an importer and picked up my new baby a few weeks later.

The MR2's engine is in the middle, hence the MR2 name that references its "mid-rear, two-wheel drive" layout.

Said engine is a two-litre turbocharged four-cylinder. Nothing too fancy. Stock output in Japan was 225

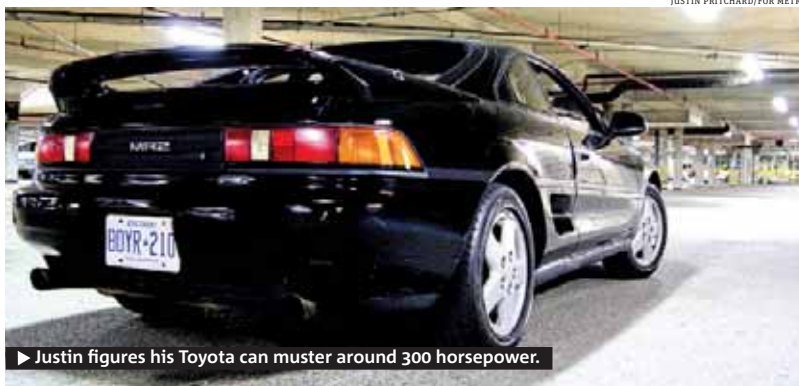
horsepower — and since the 3S GTE engine is turbocharged, you can make more ponies on the cheap.

I applied some upgrades to dial up the power — including a bigger turbocharger, intake, intercooler and custom 3-inch exhaust that I helped weld together myself.

End result? The little beast now gurgles to life with a loud drone that penetrates into nearby buildings and goes like all hell when opened up — after a good moment or two worth of turbo lag.

Horsepower? No idea. But probably about 300. Yea, this little thing rips. It's good on gas, too — on account of it being very light and aerodynamic.

Inside, leather seats flank a tall centre console



► Justin figures his Toyota can muster around 300 horsepower.

with a five-speed shifter in the middle. The instrument cluster is simple and there are power windows, air conditioning, and automatic climate control, too.

It's a squeeze to get in and out — and boarding the MR2 ends with pulling

the steering wheel into your lap. You wear this car.

The stereo is shot, the bezel around it is falling off, and the driver's-side window squeaks like a stuck pig when you roll it up.

I don't care, though. It all adds character, and puts

newer cars in perspective. It also calls to mind a time when Toyota was serious about performance cars.

Handling is a bit wacky. The MR2 generates lots of rear-end grip for getting off the line and accelerating early out of corners. But the

front is nearly too light. Steering is relatively quick, but it all feels a bit loose and strange compared to something with the weight of an engine up front.

Get it right, and it's like driving a go-kart. Get it wrong, and the MR2 will likely plow into whatever is ahead of it, or park itself backwards in the ditch on the other side of the road.

But even driven gently, the MR2 is a pleasure. People give it the thumbs up. It looks fantastic. And you don't see them everywhere. That's probably thanks to the hopelessly impractical nature of this machine.

But shiny new and high-tech or not, my less-than-perfect MR2 is still one of the coolest cars I've ever driven — brand new or otherwise.

License to thrill

Today's high-performing cars are quicker, more sensible and easier to use than ever. Zero-to-60 in five seconds used to be Ferrari and Lamborghini territory. Now, you can get a station wagon that does it faster. You know, for when the kids are late for swimming.

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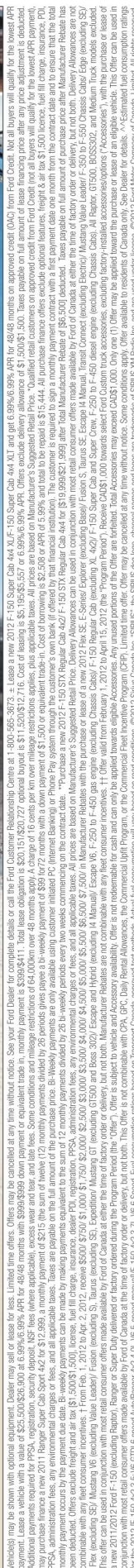
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When we recently road-tested the 333-horsepower, supercharged all-wheel-drive Audi S4, the first question we asked was — “Would you take it over an Infiniti G37?” — a car that has become our go-to reference for mid-sized sport sedans.

But imagine a G37 where the the 3.7-litre V6 is replaced by a 2.5-litre engine. So what, you lose more than 100 horsepower, but you pick up fuel economy and some running-around money thanks to a lower base price of the G25.

Three trim levels are available, including the all-wheel-drive G25x with all models sporting niceties such as leather seats, bright high-intensity-discharge headlights, premium audio system and 17-inch alloy wheels.

One big notch up is the M-sedan that comes with the same basic 330-horse, 3.7-litre V6 as the G37. The M56 runs with a 420-horsepower, 5.6-litre V8 that shoos away the previous 325-horsepower V8.

The duo is joined for the 2012 model year by a gasoline-electric M Hybrid with a 3.5-litre V6 that’s assisted by a 67-horsepower (50-kilowatt) motor to produce 360 horsepower. Lithium-ion batteries provide the juice. When fully charged, the rear-drive-only Hybrid can operate at speeds up to 100 km/h and travel for up to 2.4 kilometres before the



**M37: FULL-SIZE SEDAN – \$54,400
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HOT NEWS FROM INFINITI FOR 2012

- At one end, a thrifty-ish G25 (essentially a G37 sedan with a smaller engine) and at the other end, the giant and far-from-thrifty QX56.
- A delicious-looking M-series with optional hybrid propulsion for 2012.
- In between is a delicious-looking

M-series with optional hybrid propulsion for 2012.

- Infiniti recently unveiled the 2013 JX luxury crossover to its lineup, which will offer a compelling new value proposition in the luxury crossover segment.

V6 pitches in. The M35h hybrid also achieves 7.5 l/100 km in the city and 6.1 on the highway, compared with 11.4/7.6 for the M37 and 12.9/8.0 for the M56.

Among the car’s many techno-marvels is a Vehicle Sound for Pedestrians (VSP) that issues a specific noise that alerts anyone nearby that the M functioning in electric mode is nearby. A healthy dose of premium content is part of every M, such as a power moonroof, bright xenon headlights, power folding and heated outside mirrors, self-levelling headlamps and rain-sensing wipers.

The M is slick, for sure, but for maxi-

mum towing and people transport, the QX56 is the only way to travel. The 2011 makeover has turned a pricey and somewhat underpowered tall truck into a sleek, strong, sexy — but still pricey — all-weather tourer.

The 400-horsepower, 5.6-litre V8 is the one and only choice and provides a tow rating of 3,860 kilograms. The “Q” comes with a seven-speed automatic transmission and standard all-wheel-drive system.

If it’s a little big for your tastes, seriously consider the FX wagon, which comes in for a restyle of its nosepiece for 2012.

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QX56: FULL-SIZE SUV – \$75,000



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PLENTY OF CHOICES

NO OTHER MANUFACTURER OFFERS AS MANY MODELS AS NISSAN

There is no other nameplate that offers as many models with such diversity as Nissan, totalling 16 distinct and separate vehicles, from small cars and small sport utility vehicles, to the tarmac-shredding \$112,000 GT-R sports car, to a vehicle with the foreboding Armada name.

The smallest car in the line is the versatile Versa, but it's also the kind of car big and tall folks can ride in without having to be bent or folded. It's an approach that has earned a devoted following for the past five years and should continue with the all-new 2012 model.

While the hatchback body style carries over for 2012, the revised sedan still maintains similar proportions to the 2011 model. Nissan claims the car offers more rear legroom than a BMW 5-series or a Mercedes-Benz E-Class sedan.

The all-new platform weighs about 68 kilograms less than the previous architecture, which translates into a total weight loss of 75 kilograms. The all-new Versa Sedan runs with a brand new 109-horsepower, 1.6-litre four-cylinder connected five-speed manual gearbox, while a continuously variable transmission (CVT) replaces the antiquated four-speed automatic. Fuel economy with the CVT is 7.6 l/100 km city and 5.7 on the highway.

The \$13,300 base price, including destination charges, makes it one of the least expensive cars on the road (even the tiny Smart fortwo costs more than \$1,000 extra).

And for Canadians who are tired of reading about the Nissan LEAF electric car and just want to drive one, their time has come. The LEAF is now available for purchase through certified



**LEAF: ELECTRIC FOUR-DOOR HATCHBACK — \$40,000
BASE PRICE, INCLUDING DESTINATION**

HOT NEWS FOR NISSAN IN 2012

- The all-new Versa sedan boasts a vastly improved design while providing excellent gas-sipping fuel efficiency. It's likely the least expensive car being built.

- GT-R has a new number: 2.9 ... the number of seconds it takes to get to 60 mph (96 km/h) from rest.

- The World Car of the Year, the 100 per cent electric LEAF, is now available.

LEAF dealerships and early response from owners has been fantastic. This industry leading vehicle, with no tailpipe, can do up to 140 km/h.

The Leaf is a four-door hatchback with a range of about 160 kilometres and recharge time of 16 hours with 110-volt outlet or about half that with a 220-volt charger.

The Maxima five-passenger, four-door sedan features: Engine — 3.5L V6 DOHC 24-valve; Horsepower/torque — 290 hp/ 261 lb-ft; Transmission — CVT; Drive — front-wheel; Fuel economy (litres/100 km): 10.9 city/7.7 highway.

The Sentra compact sedan features: Engine — 2.0-litre, DOHC, inline-four; Horsepower/torque — 140 hp/147 lb-ft; Transmission — CVT; Drive — Front-wheel; Fuel economy (litres/100

km): 7.6 city/5.7 highway; regular gas.

The five-passenger, four-door sedan Altima is available in 3.5 litre or 2.5 litre: Engine — 3.5L V6 DOHC 24-valve; Horsepower/torque — 270 hp/258 lb-ft; Transmission — CVT; Drive — Front-wheel; Fuel economy (litres/100 km): 10.4 city/6.0 highway. Engine — 2.5-litre DOHC 16-valve; Horsepower/torque — 175 hp/180 lb-ft; Transmission — CVT; Drive — Front-wheel; Fuel economy (litres/100 km): 8.7 city/6.0 highway.

The Rogue is a five-passenger, four-door compact crossover, which features: Engine — 2.5L I4 DOHC 16-valve; Horsepower/torque — 175 hp/180 lb-ft; Transmission — CVT; Drive — front wheel; Fuel economy (litres/100 km): 8.7 city/6.0 highway.

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BASE PRICES INCLUDING DESTINATION



MAXIMA: MID-SIZED SEDAN — \$39,500



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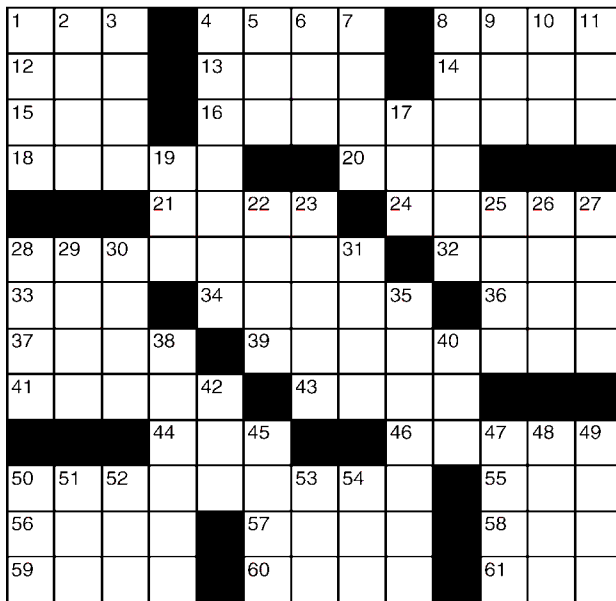
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Across

- 1 Fool
4 Morse morsels
8 Primary
12 — long way
13 Early caucus state
14 Not deceived by
15 “— Town”
16 Vodka container, at times
18 “Peer Gynt Suite No. 1” composer
20 Chow down
21 Agana’s island
24 Daisy feature
28 Unlikely success
32 Zilch
33 In olden days
34 Mexican entrees
36 Visibility hindrance
37 Cat call
39 Hatfield-McCoy arsenal
41 Punishment-related
43 Thicke or Alda
44 Marseilles monarch
46 Talk nonstop
50 Y-shaped launcher
55 Kimono closer
56 Aesopian also-ran
57 Amour
58 Bribe
59 Watched
60 “Zounds!”
61 “Certainly”

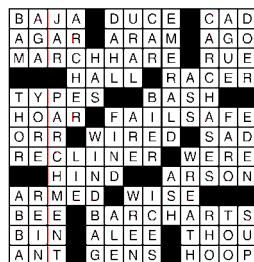
Down

- 1 Dumbstruck
2 Tart
3 Delhi dress
4 Repugnance
5 Reaction to fire-works

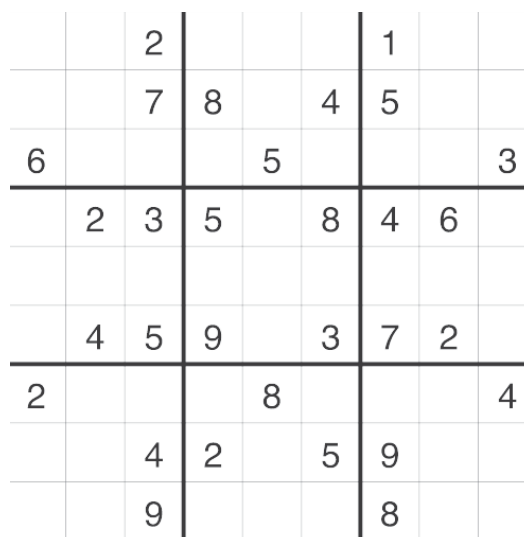


- 6 Pair
7 Fill fully
8 Liquefied, as lava
9 Literary collection
10 “Monty Python” opener
11 Ph. bk. data
17 Space
19 Early bird?
22 Discoverers’ cries
23 Coffee-chocolate blend
25 Vegan’s protein source
26 Unsigned (Abbr.)
27 Stamina, slangily
28 Genie’s home
29 S-shaped molding
30 Midday
31 Implement
35 Began
38 Cautioned
40 Wildebeest
42 Journal
45 Capri or Wight
47 Inquisitive
48 Penetrating wind
49 Pinches
50 That girl
51 Deposit
52 Anger
53 Glutton
54 In vitro cells

► Yesterday’s answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

► Yesterday’s answer

1	3	6	4	8	5	2	9	7
2	8	4	1	7	9	5	6	3
9	5	7	2	3	6	8	1	4
4	2	9	5	1	3	6	7	8
8	6	3	7	4	2	9	5	1
5	7	1	6	9	8	3	4	2
7	9	8	3	6	1	4	2	5
6	1	5	8	2	4	7	3	9
3	4	2	9	5	7	1	8	6

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To Good Morning, You're sweeter than twitter! Your lingu is better than jingu! Your face looks awesome in real life than on facebook. My space wants your space to invade mine. Your metro notes are like subways to my heart! >>>Kiss sent to U from Moi!<<< **GOING TO BE A BEAUTIFUL DAY! AY!**

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

You need to accept that other people won't always see things the same way as you.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Your sixth sense tells you that someone is lying. Keep that knowledge to yourself until a time when you can use it to maximum effect.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

You will achieve more today if you use persuasion rather than coercion. You don't have to hammer other people into submission.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Your imagination could carry you away today and cause you to do something you'll later regret.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Be on your guard over the next 24 hours, especially when dealing with work-related issues.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

You need to be practical when dealing with money matters and business affairs. If you let wishful thinking affect you, it'll cost.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Today's link between your ruler Venus and Pluto, planet of passion, will get your heart beating faster.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

There are so many good things going on that you probably think you can get away with anything. Don't push your luck at work.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, visit metronews.ca

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

If you play your cards right over the next few days, you could find yourself moving up in the world.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

It's a good day to persuade someone to back a project that could be beneficial to you. Make sure ideas are supported with solid facts.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Something will happen today that takes you by surprise — and it will be an especially nice surprise.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

You may have doubts about a deal of some kind but those doubts will disappear by the early next week.

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